ter to India; if so, what is the model; where it would be located and what will be its use;

(b) whether the US Government have laid down any conditions for the supply and use of the second Super Computer;

(c) whether the first Super Computer is being manned by Indian staff completely or there are any Americans associated with its functioning; and

(d) whether there are any condiitons laid down for its use by the United States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) The US Government have decided in principle, to issue and export licence for the Second Super Computer, subjct to an agreement of the terms and conditions of the sale. The model is a Cray YMP-XEA-132. It will be located at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and it will be used for research in science and engineering.

(b) Ys, Sir. The agreement for the supply and use of the Second Super Computer is under negotiation.

(c) Yes, Sir, except for the contracted maintenance engineers, who include British and US nationals.

(d) Yes, Sir. The use of the first Super Computer is governed by an agreement between India and the USA.

Effect of burning oil wells in the Gulf on the Ecological atmosphere of India

394. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are awaro of the warning of Japanese Oceanographer Professor Yasuhiro Sugimori that the massive oil slick gushing out into the Gulf could drift as far the Bay of Bengal;

(b) whether Government have also studied the impact of layers of smoke likely to emanate from the burning oil wells in the Gulf on the ecological atmosphere of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) According to the studies made, the current oil slick would mostly dissipate before reaching Indian waters and there is no cause for undue concern regarding the effect of oil-well fires on our atmosphere. However, constant vigil is exercised by the Goverenment in this regard.

Sanction of funds for purchase of vessels

395. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth of shipping industry is hampered due to delay in sanctioning of funds for purchase of vessels;

(b) the number of vessels purchased by Shipping Corporation of India and by private shipping corporation during the last three years and time taken in sanctioning of funds for their purchase in each case; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are being taken to streamline the procedure to avoid delay in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) The lack of growth of shipping industry was due to several factors such as recessionary trends in the shipping industry world-wide between 1980 and 1987, rapid increase in the ship prices during certain periods etc. In a small way, the pressure on foreign exchange resources of the country has also been a limiting factor. As regards ship acquisitions by Shipping Corporation of India, in addition to the above limiting factors, some delay was caused due to the prescribed Government procedure in respect of purchases of Public Sector Companies.

(b) Information in regard to Shipping Corporation of India and Private Shipping